A STATE OF THE ASYLUM,

AS FAR AS IT RELATES TO

Mr. MAXWELL,

FROM HIS

ELECTION INTO THE CHAPLAINSHIP,

MARCH 25th, 1761, to DECEMBER 25th, 1781.

TOGETHER WITH SUCH

PRECEDING AND CONSEQUENT

CIRCUMSTANCES,

AS MAY TEND TO

ELUCIDATE A MATTER,

IN WHICH

HE IS VERY DEEPLY INTERESTED.

BRITISH MUSEUM

STATE

OF THE

ASYLUM, &c.

Subscriptions and Benefactions from March, 14, 1758, to December, 25, 1779. ——	23,190	0	4½
Ditto, 1780. —— ——	714	4	0
Ditto upon an Average, (the Accounts not having been analysed) 1781. — ——	714	0	0
	24,618	4	4½
Received before Mr. Maxwell came to the Charity ——	3,355	17	9
Since —— ——	21,262	6	7½

	£.	s.	d.
Collections at different Churches and Chapels —— —	580	7	8½
Of which were made by Mr. Maxwell.* —— —	341	16	11
By other Preachers. — —	238	10	9½
Total of Collections in Chapel, to December 25, 1781. —	12,202	7	0
Of which were made, before Mr. Maxwell came to the Charity, viz. March 25, 1761. ——	29	3	10
Since the above Period, ——	12,173	3	2
Legacies; of which only Ten Pounds were received before Mr. Maxwell came to the Charity; and excluſive of thoſe received in 1781; which Mr. Maxwell cannot aſcertain, the Ledger, in which they are entered, not being, at preſent, in his Poſſeſſion. — —	13,638	12	5

* The Idea of *exhibiting* the Children, (which was done) at different Churches and Chapels, was ſuggeſted by Mr. Maxwell when the Charity was indebted in the Sum of 36l. when there were only Thirty Orphans in the Houſe; and when it was in Contemplation, to place them out, by Subſcription; and to give up every future View reſpecting it.——The Sermon alluded to, will be reprinted, with all convenient Speed.

Ditto

			£.	s.	d.
Ditto	£1000	3 per Cent conſol			
Ditto	750	Reduced.			
Ditto	100	Eaſt-India Annʸ.			
Ditto	1000	4 per Cent.			
Ditto	250	3 ½ per Cent.			
Ditto	200	not transfer'd, viz. by the Executors.			
Ditto	(the only Stock, in Mr. Maxwell's Name) £100	3 per Cent.			

N. B. To the beſt of Mr. Maxwell's Recollection, there are Thirteen Thouſand Pounds (more or leſs) in the Funds, at this Time; and many Legacies, to a very great Amount; viz. ſome contingent, others reverſionary, and others, not due, in point of Time, from the cuſtomary Indulgence to Executors.

Dividends on Stock, excluſive of 1781; and of which there were only Six Hundred Pounds (and which were bound for Payment of Rent) at Mr. Maxwell's coming to the Charity. 3,427 4 10

Total

	£.	s.	d.
Total Produce of the Children's Work. —— ——	4,130	18	3½
Before Mr. Maxwell came ——	44	16	0
Since —— ——	4,086	2	3.

N. B. The above Article is inſerted, to ſhew the Increaſe of the Charity; viz. from THIRTY to TWO HUNDRED Orphans.—How far Mr. Maxwell, to whom the chief Care of it has been committed, and in what Proportion the *other* Emoluments of the Charity are to be aſcribed to his Labours, thoſe who have been moſt converſant with it, will be beſt able to determine: and he has no Doubt, but that they will determine with Candour.

ASYLUM.

COMMITTEE, March 4, 1761.

PRESENT,

Sir Archer Croft, Bart.

Earl of Dartmouth	Sir J. Hankey, Knt. and Alderman
Captain Croft	Tho. Hollis, Eſq;
John Middlemarſh, Eſq;	Geo. Medcalfe, Eſq;
Sir Tho. Hankey,	Abſalom Evans, Eſq;
John Fielding, Eſq;	Mr. Anth. Wagner
Mr. Day, Treaſurer	Dan. Ponton, Eſq;

EXTRACT from the MINUTES.

The Rev. Mr. Maxwell offers his Service to this Charity, on the following Terms: To preach, read Prayers, and catechize the Children, every Sunday Morning, at eleven o'Clock; and

and to read Prayers, and expound the Catechiſm, at five in the Afternoon, in the Summer, for Half-a-Guinea a Day, (viz. for every Sunday.)

The Rev. Mr. Francis Kelly Maxwell was unanimouſly elected Chaplain to this Charity.

COMMITTEE, May 6, 1761.

PRESENT,

Sir Joſeph Hankey, Knt.

Abſalom Evans, Eſq;	John Fielding, Eſq;
Geo. Medcalfe, Eſq;	Sir Tho. Hankey, Knt.
Francis Naylor, Eſq;	Tho. Hankey, Eſq;
John Middlemarſh, Eſq;	Rob. Quarme, Eſq;
John Blake, Eſq;	

EXTRACT from the MINUTES.

Mr. Maxwell, the Chaplain to this Charity, having offered to execute the Offices of Secretary and Writing-Maſter, as well as Chaplain, it was agreed to accordingly; as being more convenient to join all the above-mentioned Offices together.

N. B. The Salary for theſe accumulated Offices was fixed at Fifty Guineas *per* Annum.

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COMMITTEE, April 20, 1763.

PRESENT,

Sir John Fielding

William Dormer, Eſq;	Abſalom Evans, Eſq;
Sir Robert Goodere	Loftus Jones, Eſq;
Samuel Swabey, Eſq;	Mr. Yoakley.

EXTRACT from the MINUTES.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Maxwell be deſired to print Two Hundred and Fifty Copies of the Sermon he has preached, at different Churches and Chapels, in Behalf of this Charity; in Order to be bound with the Plans for the Queen, the Archbiſhop of Canterbury, and others occaſionally.

N. B. This was complied with; and Mr. Maxwell kiſſed the Queen's Hand, upon Delivery of the ſaid Sermon.

Her Majeſty, afterwards, gave 200l. viz. One at the Beginning, and the other, at the Completion, of the New Chapel.

General Quarterly Court, April 5, 1764.

PRESENT,

Sir Thomas Hankey, Knt.

Sir John Fielding	Francis Naylor, Eſq;
Kempe Brydges, Eſq;	John Biggin, Eſq;
Rev. Mr. Franklin	John Middlemarſh, Eſq;
Samuel Swabey, Eſq;	Mr. Yoakley
Daniel Ponton, Eſq;	Dr. Jebb
John Blake, Eſq;	Mr. Henckell
J. C. Hankey, Eſq;	Mr. Humphreys.

EXTRACT from the MINUTES.

It is the Unanimous Opinion of this Court, That in Conſideration of, and as a Gratuity for, Mr. Maxwell's extraordinary Services to this Charity, the Sum of Fifty Pounds be added to his Salary; to commence from Chriſtmas laſt.

N. B. The next Quarterly Court, (viz. July 5,) ordered Guineas, inſtead of Pounds.

General

General Quarterly Court, April 4, 1765.

PRESENT,

Sir Archer Croft, Bart.

Sir Thomas Hankey	Sir Robert Goodere
Thomas Carter, Eſq;	Peter Theobald, Eſq;
John Blake, Eſq;	Francis Naylor, Eſq;
William Dormer, Eſq;	Samuel Swabey, Eſq;
Col. Pownall	John Middlemarſh, Eſq;
Gilbert Franklin, Eſq;	Mr. Yoakley.

EXTRACT from the MINUTES.

Several Inconveniences having ariſen to the Charity, from Mr. Maxwell's having been reſtrained from ſuperintending the Matron, and other Servants of the Houſe; RESOLVED, That he be deſired to reſume the Superintendancy of the Family, to rectify any Abuſe, he may, from Time to Time, diſcover; that all the Servants of the Houſe be directed to obey his Commands; and that, if any Complaint, made, by him, ſhall not be rectified, the Perſon guilty, ſhall, upon a Repetition of the Complaint, be diſcharged by a General Court, to be ſummoned by the Secretary, (viz. Mr. Maxwell.)

General

General Quarterly Court, July 2, 1767.

PRESENT,

Sir Tho. Hankey

James Morris, Eſq;
Mr. Tho. Thorp
Mr. Tho. Lucas
Joſ. Creſwicke, Eſq;
Major Alderton
David Edie, Eſq;
George Edie, Eſq;
Luke Lillingſton, Eſq;
Peter Theobald, Eſq;
Tho. Bond, Eſq;
Tho. Carter, Eſq;
Fr. Naylor, Eſq;
Sir John Fielding
John Middlemarſh, Eſq;
Wm. Fiſher, Eſq;
Daniel Ponton, Eſq;
Sam. Swabey, Eſq;
Dr. Jebb
Mr. Humphreys
Cha. Holzendorf, Eſq;
John Pownall, Eſq;

EXTRACTS from the MINUTES.

To the Guardians of the Aſylum, at their Quarterly Meeting, July 2, 1767.

THE flouriſhing and ſtill improving Condition of the Aſylum muſt afford great Satisfaction to all Promoters of this laudable Inſtitution; who cannot but be attentive to the Merits of the Rev. Mr. Maxwell; whoſe Diligence, in the Capacities of Chaplain, Secretary, and Domeſtic Inſpector, hath much contributed to encreaſe its Reputation and Emolument. In Conſideration of accumulated

lated Offices, ſo effectually executed, and of the preſent Finances, ſo greatly forwarded by his inceſſant Labours, We, the Preſident, and Vice-Preſidents, humbly recommend to the worthy Guardians, that an annual Gratuity of Fifty Guineas be given to the aforeſaid Gentleman, over and above his ſtated Salary, as a peculiar Token of Approbation; and as an Inducement for ſecuring, to the Charity, a Continuance of Services, ſo eſſential to its Proſperity.

Signed,

Litchfield, viz. Earl of, Preſident.

J. Daſhwood, Sir James, Bart.
A. Curzon, Eſq;
Charles Townſhend, Hon.
Tho. Hankey, Knt.
} Vice-Preſidents.

RESOLVED, That, in Conformity to what is recommended in the above Letter, an annual Gratuity of Fifty Guineas be added to Mr. Maxwell's Appointments; as a Reward for his perſonal Merit and Services, in promoting, and ſupporting the Intereſts of the Charity: That this extra Allowance be no Precedent, in the Caſe of any Perſon, who may, hereafter, ſucceed to the Offices, now enjoyed by Mr. Maxwell; and that the above Gratuity commence from Midſummer 1766.

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Committee of Accompts, April 21, 1768.

PRESENT,

Sir Tho. Hankey

Sir John Fielding	Peter Theobald, Eſq;
Mr. Day	Ja. Morris, Eſq;
J. Creſwicke, Eſq;	Cha. Holzendorf, Eſq;
Rich. Lowe, Eſq;	Kempe Brydges, Eſq;
T. Carter, Eſq;	Fra. Naylor, Eſq;
D. Edie, Eſq;	Sir Rob. Goodere.

EXTRACT from the MINUTES.

Mem. The Accounts of this Charity having been minutely examined to Chriſtmas 1767, were found to be very exact, both as to the Receipts and Diſburſements.

Special General Meeting, March 2, 1769.

PRESENT,

Sir Thomas Hankey

Major Alderton	Peter Theobald, Eſq;
Cha. Holzendorf, Eſq;	Joſeph Creſwicke, Eſq;
K. Brydges, Eſq;	Robert Douglas, Eſq;
Edmund Smith, Eſq;	Francis Naylor, Eſq;
Thomas Carter, Eſq;	Samuel Howard, Eſq;
Rev. Mr. Tatterſall	George Edie, Eſq;
John Blake, Eſq;	D. Ponton, Eſq;
Charles Schutz, Eſq;	Henry Major, Eſq;

EXTRACT from the MINUTES.

It being the Opinion of this Court, that a further Enlargement of the Chapel is eſſentially and im-

immediately neceſſary; and a Plan having been produced for that Purpoſe; RESOLVED unanimouſly, that the ſaid Plan, with ſuch Improvements as may be made in it, in the Interim, be recommended to the next Quarterly Court, to be carried into Execution, with all convenient Speed: And that an exact Eſtimate of the Expence be prepared to be laid before the ſaid Court.

N. B. The ſame was done accordingly.

General Quarterly Court, July 5, 1770.

PRESENT,

Francis Naylor, Eſq;

Cha. Holzendorf, Eſq;	Edmund Smith, Eſq;
Peter Theobald, Eſq;	J. Middlemarſh, Eſq;
Mr. Joſeph Vernon	Thomas Parry, Eſq;
Charles Green, Eſq;	Mr. Gomm.
Robert Bird, Eſq;	Mr. Aldcroft
Joſeph Creſwicke, Eſq;	Thomas Bond, Eſq;
Edward Vincent, Eſq;	James Morris, Eſq;
Mr. Thomas Thorp	Samuel Swabey, Eſq;
Major Alderton	Thomas Connor, Eſq;
Charles Schutz, Eſq;	Dr. Howard
Thomas Cotton, Eſq;	Mr. Vaughan.

EXTRACT from the MINUTES.

RESOLVED unanimouſly, that the Sum of Fifty Guineas be added to the yearly Salary of the Chaplain, in Conſideration of his Encreaſe of Duty; to commence from Midſummer laſt.

COM-

COMMITTEE, November 1ſt, 1770.

PRESENT,

Captain Gilbert.

Mr. Benjamin Day	Mr. Carſan
Edward Dowſett, Eſq;	Cha. Holzendorf, Eſq;
Major Alderton	Henry Major, Eſq;
David Edie, Eſq;	John Thompſon, Eſq;
Mr. Howard	

EXTRACT from the MINUTES.

A Complaint having been made by the Treaſurer, againſt the Secretary, reſpecting the Non-payment of a Bill, and other material Matters; ſuch as producing *not a true Account* for the Inſpection of the Committee; ORDERED, that the Conſideration of the ſame be referred to the next Quarterly Court; that it be recommended to them to diſcuſs it, in the fulleſt Manner; that all Perſons concerned, be ordered to attend; and that Notice be given, in the public Papers, that the Court will be held on ſpecial Affairs.

N. B. The above Motion was made by Mr. Maxwell.

Mr. Day having reſigned the Treaſurerſhip, RESOLVED, That the Conſideration of electing a new One, be likewiſe referred to the ſaid Court.

Com-

Committee of Accompts, Jan. 15, 1771.

PRESENT,

John Middlemarſh, Eſq;

Peter Theobald, Eſq;	James Morris, Eſq;
K. Brydges, Eſq;	

N.B. Theſe Gentlemen were a delegated Committee.—Vide Gen. Com. Jan. 10.

Special General Court, Jan. 24, 1771.

PRESENT,

Lord Vere,

Biſhop of Hereford	Joſ. Creſwicke, Eſq;
Peter Theobald, Eſq;	K. Brydges, Eſq;
John Middlemarſh, Eſq;	Cha. Holzendorf, Eſq;
Ja. Morris, Eſq;	Mr. Carſan
Fr. Naylor, Eſq;	Tho. Cotton, Eſq;
Ed. Chamberlayne, Eſq;	Tho. Carter, Eſq;
Mr. Thorp	Wm. Fiſher, Eſq;

EXTRACT from the MINUTES.

IT having appeared, to the Satisfaction of the Committee, appointed to examine the Accompts

of this Charity, that they have been regularly and faithfully kept by Mr. Maxwell, RESOLVED unanimouſly, that Mr. Day's Allegations againſt him, were unjuſt, and without the leaſt Foundation; and that the Thanks of this Court be given to Mr. Maxwell for his Care and Accuracy in keeping the ſaid Accompts; as well as for the Fidelity and Attention he has ſhewn to the Intereſts of the Charity, in this, and every other Reſpect. And further RESOLVED, in Conſideration thereof, and in order to prevent the Confuſion that frequently ariſes from an unneceſſary Multiplication of Accompts, that Mr. Maxwell be, henceforward, appointed Treaſurer to this Charity, in the Room of Mr. Day, who has reſigned that Office.

The following collateral Teſtimonies are ſubmitted to the Public, as not being unapplicable to the preſent Occaſion.

The Rev. Mr. Dowding, Vicar of Tottenham High Croſs, Middleſex, to the Rev. Mr. Pritchard, Rector of Spitalfields.

SIR,

Mr. Maxwell has lived ſo many Years in my Pariſh, and his Behaviour as well before, as ſince he

he has aſſiſted me, in the Care of it, has been ſuch, as to make any Recommendation of this Kind, unneceſſary to you, who are no Stranger in it. But ſince, it ſeems, you expect it, and therefore Mr. Maxwell deſires it, I take this Opportunity to aſſure you, that, I am perſuaded, he will always endeavour to give the utmoſt Satisfaction to you and your Pariſhioners; and, that you, as well as himſelf, will have the Pleaſure to find his Endeavours fully anſwered.

I am, Sir, &c.

Tottenham,
April 1, 1758.

Signed, W. DOWDING.

N. B. Mr. Maxwell's firſt Reſidence, when he left College, was at Tottenham, from whence, viz. at the Expiration of ſeven Years, he removed to Spitalfields.

WE, whoſe Names are hereunto ſubſcribed, do certify that the Rev. Francis Kelly Maxwell was reſident Curate of this Pariſh three Years, viz. from Midſummer 1758, to Midſummer 1761. During which Time he performed all the Duties of the ſaid Office with the utmoſt Diligence; and behaved in every Reſpect, in ſuch Manner, as to give us the fulleſt Teſtimony of his being a Man of ſtrict Morals, ſound Principles, good Learning,

and of excellent Talents as a Preacher. And we beg Leave to assure the Gentlemen of St. Saviour's*, that we are firmly persuaded, his Succession in the present Election, will not be a greater Happiness to himself, than to his Constituents.

Christ-Church, Spitalfields, June 14, 1762.

John Pritchard, Rector of Christ-Church.

Peter Le Keux,
John Sabatier, } Treasurers.

Humphry Williams,
Charles Merry, } Church Wardens.

Christ. Leagoe,
Tho. Sherwood, } Overseers.

Peter Campart,
John Ouvry,
Obad. Agace,
Peter Saubergue,
John Baker,
Edw. Skay.

* Mr. Maxwell was then a Candidate for the vacant Chaplainship of St. Saviour's.

Lam-

Lambeth, June 25, 1762.

WE the underwritten do teſtify that the Rev. Mr. Francis Kelly Maxwell, M. A. Chaplain of the Aſylum for Deſerted Orphan Girls, in this Pariſh, has conſtantly behaved in a regular and exemplary Manner, and acted in all Reſpects highly becoming the Character of a Clergyman.

James Lea, Officiating Miniſter.

James Bryan,
Joſeph Hutchinſon, } Church Wardens.
Daniel Maſon,

Charles Martin,
Henry Richard, } Overſeers of the Poor.
Richard Carter,

Peter Theobald,
John Theobald,
Thomas Bond,
John Biggin,
Daniel Ponton, } Inhabitants.
Thomas Gill,
Edward Gardiner,
Cr. Cooper,
John Middlemarſh,

Aſylum

Aſylum for Female Orphans,

June 25, 1762.

WE, whoſe Names are hereunto ſubſcribed, being Guardians of the Aſylum for Female Orphans, do certify, that the Rev. Mr. Francis Kelly Maxwell, A. M. has been Chaplain to this Charity, near two Years paſt; during which Time, he has executed, that, and every Truſt, repoſed in him, by us, to our entire Satisfaction, and much to his own Credit and Honor, as well by that moral Character and exemplary Life, which he has ſupported as a Clergyman, as by his conſtant Attention and Diligence to improve the Morals of the moſt illiterate Children, both by private and public Inſtructions: And as we have Reaſon to be ſatisfied, that by the many excellent Diſcourſes, which the ſaid Mr. Maxwell, has, from Time to Time, in Behalf of this Charity, that not only the Objects, but the very Inſtitution itſelf has been greatly benefited by this his happy Talent in preaching; therefore, We cannot but eſteem his Succeſs in this particular, as a publick Good; and ſuch an one, as, while it entitles him to the Regard and Eſteem, of the Humane and Benevolent, claims our beſt Wiſhes for his Succeſs in his preſent Application to the Inhabitants of St. Saviour's *.

* Vide Page 20.

Kingſton,

Kingſton, (Viz. Duke of)

John Theobald	John Fielding
John Maſon	Robert Quarme
John Middlemarſh	John Croft
Samuel Swabey	John Blake
J. C. Hankey	John Readſhaw
Francis Naylor	Thomas Hankey
Dan. Ponton.	

To Her Moſt Gracious MAJESTY

THE QUEEN.

The MEMORIAL *of the* VICE-PRESIDENTS *of the* ASYLUM *for* Female Orphans,

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

THAT your Majeſty, equally zealous in the Cauſe of Religion and Humanity, and wiſely diſcerning the intimate Connection which they have with each other, hath, by Royal and repeated Benefactions, for the Purpoſe of erecting a Chapel, for the Uſe of the Aſylum, been the happy Inſtrument, under God, of raiſing, and eſtabliſhing this Charity on a ſure and permanent Foundation.

THAT to this, your Memorialiſts gratefully attribute its preſent Succeſs, and confidently truſt for its future Proſperity; in the Hope, that the Almighty Providence, which hath hitherto been ſo viſibly exerted in the Protection and Preſervation of the Fatherleſs and Stranger, will continue to them that faithful Servant, who hath long miniſtered unto them in holy Things; whoſe Labours are the great Source of their Emolument, and who, both in his temporal and

ſpiritual

ſpiritual Capacity, is of the higheſt Utility, and of the moſt deſerved Eſtimation.

THAT they are under the Apprehenſion of his being induced, from prudential Motives, to accept an Office, leſs precarious than, and inconſiſtent with, that which he holds among them: And that, therefore, they preſume, with the utmoſt Reſpect, and Deference, earneſtly to intreat your Majeſty's moſt gracious Interceſſion with the King, that he may be appointed to ſuch a Preferment in the Church, (none being incompatible with his preſent Office) as ſhall ſeem meet to the Royal Bounty to beſtow; both as a Means of ſecuring to this infant Charity a certain Continuance of his Services; which are ſo eſſential to its Welfare; and likewiſe of providing him with a competent Subſiſtence, againſt the Time of Age and Infirmity; which may make a Seceſſion from Duties, of ſuch unremitted Attention and Labour, neceſſary and unavoidable.

N. B. Mr. Maxwell cannot aſcertain the Date of the above Memorial, the Original being in the Poſſeſſion of her Majeſty; which was delivered by the Right Hon. Lady Charlotte Finch; and to which a very favourable Anſwer was given to the late Lord Vere, by her Majeſty's Command.

Signed, VERE.

James, Hereford, Biſhop of,
Cha. Kemeys Tynte, Bart.
James Daſhwood, Bart.
Thomas Hankey, Knt.
} Vice-Preſidents.

Mr. Maxwell ſubmits the above State to the Conſideration of the Public, in general, and the Guardians of the Aſylum, in particular; not doubting, but that he ſhall be weighed in an impartial Balance.

At the ſame Time, that he acknowledges a Deficiency, he cannot but think it neceſſary to acquaint the World, that he has aſſigned over, to Truſtees, *voluntarily* and *unconditionally*, the far greateſt Part of his Property, for Payment of it; and that, *immediately after he had ſigned the Deed*, a Vote of Removal was paſſed againſt him.

Aſylum, FRANCIS KELLY MAXWELL.
May 23, 1782.

Mr. Maxwell hopes, that, as the above Account comes forth *under his own Signature*, he ſhall not be called upon, *anonymouſly*, to anſwer any Part of it.

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